

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE
January 10, 1963

The University Senate met at 2 pm, Friday, January 10, 1964, President Carroll presiding. Inasmuch as the minutes had been distributed, they were not read. The minutes were approved with the following change: In the last sentence, fifth paragraph, page 1, change the comma after "possible" to a period and insert "An effort will be made to determine the desire for participation,".

Mr. Wolfgang H. Kraus, Chairman of the Executive Committee, introduced Mr. Roy B. Eastin, who was elected to the Senate by the School of Government, Business and International Affairs to replace Mr. James C. Dockeray.

Mr. Charles R. Naeser, Chairman of the Committee on Faculty Performance and Development, reported that his committee had been drawing up criteria for performance and methods of evaluating these criteria, considering criteria to be applied for a possible designation as distinguished professor, and considering the feasibility of a reduction of teaching load for increased research direction. Mr. Naeser stated that the committee had no recommendation at the present time.

Mr. J. Forrester Davison, Chairman of the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom, read his committee's report on recommended changes in the Faculty Code. He requested that discussion of the report and proposed changes be postponed until the special Senate meeting scheduled for January 17, 1964. Mr. Gust A. Ledakis suggested that the Senate make formal note of receipt of the report and this was approved without objection.

Dean Grover L. Angel of the College of General Studies spoke briefly concerning the role of the College of General Studies which was established in 1950 to extend broadly the educational facilities of the University, to introduce educational programs for mature adults, and to provide auxiliary educational programs, such as conferences, workshops and institutes. The functions of the College of General Studies are to provide graduate and undergraduate education off-campus; early career programs, professionally-oriented; mid-career work, primarily for career military officers; remedial education for those whose baccalaureate work is not complete or who have not begun such work; and special projects. The College of General Studies offers programs principally in the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland area but also at the several War Colleges. The course offerings consist of University credit courses, a series of non-credit courses designed for special interest groups, television courses for credit and non-credit, and non-credit radio courses. There were 401 instructional staff members last year. Student enrollment in credit courses was almost 9,000 and in non-credit courses, 888. 109 of these students were on the Dean's List, 19 on probation, and 5 were suspended.

The Dean's Council acts as a faculty advisory group for the College of General Studies. Academic control is vested in the University departments. Recently steps have been taken to strengthen the College of General Studies academically. During the past year there has been an administrative reorganization, which was summarized. The future role of the College of General Studies is presently being studied by an administrative committee working with Vice President Brown and Dr. Jordan and by an ad hoc committee of the Senate Committee on Educational Policy.

Significant points raised during the discussion period which followed Dean Angel's remarks were summarized by Mr. Kraus, as follows: The College of General Studies is an organization developed to fill a genuine need for such educational programs as it offers; the special character of the problems confronting it

inevitably brings up significant questions of basic importance to the University community as a whole, such as matters of academic standards, degrees, etc.; raising such questions should not be interpreted as criticism of the College of General Studies, but as an honest effort to solve problems; inasmuch as the burden of College of General Studies instruction is carried by a part-time faculty, the problem of faculty participation in the shaping of its educational policy is crucially endemic.

Dean Angel reminded the Senate that the departments have final control over academic offerings. He stated that the College of General Studies seriously invites and will actively consider constructive criticism.

Mr. David S. Brown, Chairman of the Committee on Administrative Matters as they Affect the Faculty, reported that his committee proposes a series of meetings between administrative officials and faculty members to provide a greater degree of understanding between these groups. At each meeting an administrative official would be invited to discuss his role in the University and the relationships with the faculty in his area. After some discussion, Mr. Charles R. Naeser moved that the committee's suggestion be approved on a trial basis. Mrs. Helen B. Yakobson seconded the motion and it was carried.

President Carroll asked if there were any questions not covered by the committee reports which members wished to discuss. Mr. Edwin L. Stevens questioned retention in the Code of the provision for an annual medical examination for faculty members as the policy has not been implemented for a number of years. After discussion, it was the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Appointment, Salary and Promotion Policies should consider whether this provision can be effectively implemented.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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